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Father, son fined \$30,000 for cutting timber from U.S. Forest

A father and son from Spring Lake were both sentenced Jan. 31 in United States District Court for cutting, injuring and destroying basswood and birch trees in the Chippewa National Forest.

Chief Judge James Rosenbaum fined Arvid C. Bourman Sr., 65, and Arvid C. Bourman Jr., 37, a combined \$30,000, sentenced each of them with two years probation and prohibited both from entering the forest for two years. Both Bourmans pleaded guilty today to the misdemeanor charge prior to sentencing.

According to their plea agreements, between Nov. 19, 2003 and Oct. 13, 2006, approximately 250 trees were illegally cut from the forest, located in Itasca County. On Oct. 12, 2006, a Forest Service agent found both Bourmans cutting down trees and loading them onto a log loader.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Forest Service, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tricia A. Tingle.